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President I. King Jordan addresses participants in GUIDE during the first training session of the new leadership program held Sept. 28. Goals of the program include networking, learning more about Gallaudet, and "personal and professional growth," according to Jordan.

## Enrollment Services statistics show that University is still at capacity

Gallaudet's Office of Enrollment Services reports that 2,373 students were enrolled on both Gallaudet campuses as of Sept. 28, when the office froze its data to calculate the fall's enrollment figures.

The University's enrollment capacity is between 2,200 and 2,400, said Astrid Goodstein, executive director for Enrollment Services. This year's enrollment is down 18 students from last year's 2,391, but the University is still at capacity. "We have to expect some fluctuation within that range," said Goodstein.

This fall's enrollment is still 86 students above the University's 1987 enrollment. Goodstein believes Gallaudet is still feeling the ripple effect from the

Deaf President Now movement of March 1988.

She added that the University also has a strong recruitment philosophy and staff who talk with students in schools across the country. In addition to the recruitment staff, said Goodstein, "President King Jordan and Board Chairman Philip Bravin have both been recruiting all year for us. Of all the presidents and chairpeople, [Jordan and Bravin] travel and give more presentations in a year than any other president or board chairperson in the past."

While the number of freshmen has declined since 1987, the number of preparatory students has increased as

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## Will the real Robert Johnson please stand up?

It's like an episode from the vintage television series "To Tell the Truth."

You can imagine panelists Tom Poston, Kitty Carlisle, and Orson Bean staring apprehensively at the three contestants, waiting to see if the impostors have fooled them about their identities, while in the background emcee Gary Moore dramatically intones: "Will the real Robert Johnson please stand up."

If the scenario were set at Gallaudet, there would be no impostors—all three of the characters would indeed be Robert Johnsons.

Imagine the potential for confusion that three men sharing the same name can cause at a relatively small university campus. The story goes that when the third of the Robert Johnsons joined the Gallaudet ranks six years ago—Robert C. Johnson, a research editor with the Gallaudet Research Institute (GRI)—one employee in the department said, "Why on earth would they hire another Robert Johnson? There's too many on campus now!"

Dr. Robert E. Johnson, chairman of the Department of Linguistics and Interpreting, Dr. Robert C. Johnson, a professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science,

and Robert C. Johnson, GRI research editor who edits the newsletter *Research at Gallaudet*, sometimes get each other's mail—both interdepartmental and personal (Dr. Robert C. once got a package of window insulation tape mailed to Robert C. by his stepmother), get praised and criticized for each other's work and opinions, and continually field phone calls to the other Robert Johnsons.

"We even have a club—the Robert Johnson Club," quipped Robert E. "We had an election last week. Robert Johnson was elected president, Robert Johnson was elected vice president, and Robert Johnson was elected secretary. It was very close." There are more 'Robert' gags that circulate among the three men: One Robert says, "Let me be Frank," and the others respond, "Please do. It'll be a lot easier." Or this one about the "club": It takes one second to call the roll; you call one name and everybody raises his hand.

Tales of confusion? Try these: Dr. Robert C. Johnson does a bit of moonlighting by selling Shaklee products. Think of poor Robert E. being interrupted during his work day by people wanting to buy soap and vitamins. Or

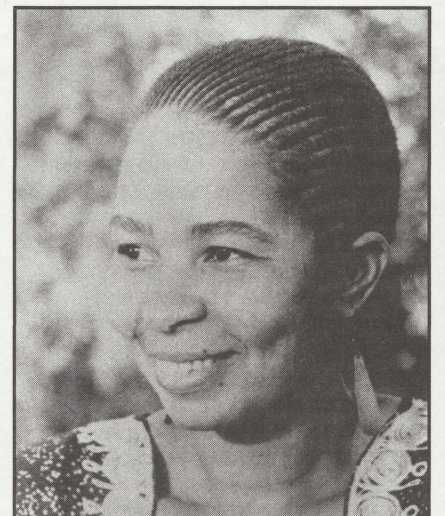
Robert E., the co-author of several publications, including the widely discussed *Unlocking the Curriculum*, being passed over for his rightful credit by people who instead laud Robert C. Johnson, who, in fact, did some editing on the paper and has written about the other Robert, but didn't actually write the paper. You get the idea.

"About the one thing I haven't gotten from them is their paychecks," Robert E. bemoans.

Dr. Robert C. admits that sharing the name has spelled confusion, but "I just sort of let it roll off me. It's been fun; it's been interesting."

Dr. Robert C. said that he knows Robert E. quite well and the two men often play racquetball together at lunchtime. He said that when Robert C. began working at Gallaudet, he made a point of walking over to Fay House to welcome him "so that he'd know who the real Bob Johnson was."

The other two men seem to share his attitude. Robert Johnson (the one in *Research*) summed it up this way: "It's a source of droll humor. It's just a little nuisance that keeps things humorous, so I don't worry about it."



Christine Qunta

## South African activist to speak

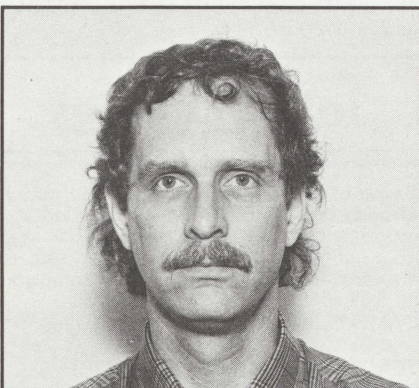
Campus community members can learn about South Africa's apartheid system, how women's roles are changing in South Africa, and the area's history of political activism when Christine Qunta, a South African who is living in exile in Zimbabwe, comes to Gallaudet Oct. 18.

Qunta, an activist, scholar, author, and attorney, will speak at three different locations during the day: at the MSSD Auditorium from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., at a brown-bag lunch in "Ole Jim's" upper level from noon to 1 p.m., and in the Ely Center Auditorium from 2 to 3 p.m. Her visit to Gallaudet is part of a one-month tour of the United States.

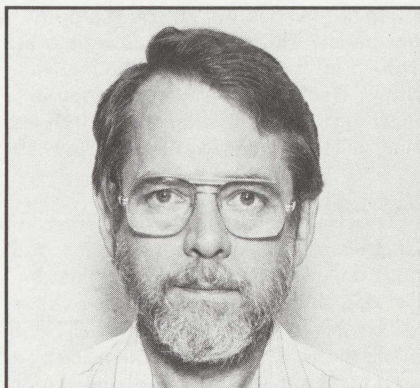
Transportation to and from Kendall Green will be provided for Northwest Campus students and employees.

Qunta attended Western Cape University in South Africa. She

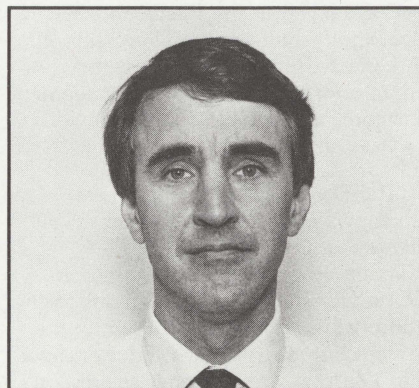
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received her bachelor's degree and a law degree (with seven distinctions) from the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. She has lectured in Australia, England, and Africa and has written and edited several books, including *Women in Southern Africa*, a first-hand account of the achievements and struggles of women in South Africa.

The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and the Office of Administrative and Community Services are sponsoring the event, and they encourage everyone to attend one of Qunta's lectures. For more information, call CAS at x5470 or Administrative and Community Services at x5263.



Julia Robertson (left), supervisor of Outreach Services in Pre-College's Affiliated School Program, is congratulated by President I. King Jordan and Outreach Services Director Susan Murray at a reception marking her 20th anniversary at Gallaudet.

## Enrollment trends show balanced classes, better retention

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have the sophomore, junior, and senior classes. Gallaudet has a history of very large preparatory and freshman classes with comparatively small senior classes, said Goodstein. "Classes now are more balanced and [student] retention is better," she said.

A breakdown of University enrollment, supplied by Carol McLaughlin, coordinator of data base management for the Office of Enrollment Services, shows that 1,536 students are enrolled in undergraduate programs, compared with 1,553 last year; 401 in graduate programs compared with 379 last year; and 113 in non-degree sign language classes compared with 151 last year.

The University's School of Preparatory Studies has kept its enrollment up at 275 students this fall even though it faces stiff competition from more than 150 other postsecondary programs across the country that offer programs for deaf students, said Goodstein. Many students today choose to go to a community college near their home, but an increasing number of these students later transfer to Gallaudet, she said.

In addition to its preparatory program, 27 students are enrolled in the Northwest Campus's Office Systems Program, which offers an associate of applied science degree. Figures are not yet available for its Office Technology Program Saturday College, which opened this fall to serve the non-traditional student.

The English Language Institute also expanded. It has grown from eight students when it began in 1987, to 18 last year, and 21 today.

While formal figures are not yet available, Goodstein sees an increase in the percentage of new students who pass the English Placement Test. These more academically prepared freshman and transfer students, combined with an "institutional-wide effort to retain students" are responsible for the increasing numbers of upperclassmen, said Goodstein.

Almost one fourth of this fall's new students, 21 percent, are transfer students. Enrollment data also show an 8 percent increase during the last three years in the ratio of students who are accepted to the University and those who actually enroll.

Goodstein said she expects graduate enrollment to continue to grow because of the new programs Gallaudet is offer-

ing. Last year the University opened its master's in interpreting program, which enrolled six students this fall, and the master's in social work program begins this fall with eight students. Next fall, the University expects to draw even more graduate students with its doctoral program in clinical psychology.

The decline in students taking non-degree sign language courses, Goodstein believes, reflects the increasing availability of sign language classes in the community. Many students find it cheaper and easier to study sign language at community colleges and adult education programs rather than drive into the city. "I think the interest in sign language is continuing to peak, but this is not the only place to learn sign language," she said.

Twelve percent of the University's new students are minorities. This figure includes black, Native, Hispanic, and Asian Americans.

## Announcements

Gallaudet's Management Institute is offering a series of seminars for deaf professionals on management and leadership beginning Oct. 19. The first seminar, "Powerful Connections—Managing Organizational Policy to Your Advantage," will be presented Oct. 19 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in Fowler Hall by Gerald Nelson, director of the Fairfax Resource Center for the Hearing Impaired. A second seminar, on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at the same time, will focus on "Black/Minority Managers—Redefining the Workplace." Presenters will be Ernest Hairston, chief of the Captioning and Adaptation Branch in the U.S. Department of Education, and Dr. Glenn Anderson, member of the Gallaudet Board of Trustees and director of training at the Research and Training Institute at the University of Arkansas. Registration is required. For more information, call the Management Institute, x5312.

The Division of Student Affairs encourages faculty and staff to tell students that it has designated Ely Center's Room B-05 as a lounge for commuter students. Renovations to the room will not be completed until spring, but the room can be used now. For information or to offer suggestions, call Hillel Goldberg, director of the University Center, at x5144.

"Teaching ASL to Deaf Elementary Students" will be the topic of Barbara Riggs' lecture on Monday, Oct. 23, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Ely Center Auditorium as part of the Department of Sign Communication's fall lecture series. Riggs is a communication and sign language specialist at KDES. All lectures will be interpreted. For information, call Ethelyn DeStefano at x5200.

"Deaf Mosaic," the half-hour television magazine program produced by Gallaudet's Department of TV, Film, and Photography, is now being shown at new times on both WETA-TV (Channel 26) and The Discovery Channel. WETA will air the program on the last Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. The Discovery Channel will show "Deaf Mosaic" every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Special editions on The Deaf Way will be shown Nov. 12 and Nov. 19.

The National Information Center on Deafness (NICD) will sponsor a discount day during University Week. On Tuesday, Oct. 24, students, employees, and visitors will be able to save 20 percent on all NICD publications. The sale will take place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the lower level of Merrill Learning Center. For information, call NICD at x5051.

## 'Ole Jim' menu

Friday, Oct. 13  
Noon-1:30 p.m.

### German

Bratwurst with Kraut  
or Chicken with Spaetzle  
Sweet and Sour Red Cabbage  
Mixed Vegetables  
Black Forest Cake  
Iced Tea, Coffee

## Classified Ads

**CLASSIFIED ADS** are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested and if space permits. The deadline for submitting advertisements is Friday, 10 days before the desired publication. Ads received by Friday, Oct. 13, will appear in the Oct. 23 issue.

**FOR SALE:** Microwave table, \$60; dining table, \$100; large mirror, \$25; prices neg. Call B.J., 543-7146.

**FOR SALE:** '89 Toyota Corolla DX 4-dr. sedan, 5 speed, red, AC, AM/FM cassette, 800 mi., 2 mos. old, must sell, moving to Haiti. Call Eve Mitton for Juan Carlos Reinbold, x5352, x3252, or 299-7604 (TDD) eves. For appt. to see car, leave message for Reinbold at NWC, x8-5800.

**WANTED:** Quiet, nonsmoking female for private furn. BR and to share kitchen and bath in apt. w/female professional, AC, washer, freezer, walk to Bethesda Metro, convenient to library (3 blocks), grocery store (2 blocks), Post Office, shopping areas, hospital, and restaurants, very nice area, \$250-\$300/mo. (neg.) inc. util., avail. Oct. Call 492-7160 (TDD) days.

**WANTED:** Responsible, nonsmoking roommate to share house in Silver Spring, Md., must have transportation, avail. now, \$290/mo. inc. util. Call Paul, 699-2868 (TDD) days.

**WANTED:** Mature, professional, nonsmoking female seeks apt. to share or private room to rent w/kitchen privileges in home of deaf family in D.C. metropolitan area, can afford \$200/mo. plus util. or \$250/mo. inc. util. Call Doris, 786-3025 (TDD) days.

**FREE:** 2 Siamese-Burmese brothers, declawed and neutered, need quiet cat-loving home. Call Charles, x5385, or Susie, x5580 or x5558.

**FOR RENT:** Room in new townhouse in Laurel, Md., beg. Dec. 1, must like cats, \$300/mo. Call Rae, 490-1972 (V/TDD).

**FOR SALE:** 5-yr.-old O'Keefe & Merritt self-cleaning gas oven, \$200; 3-yr.-old General Electric gas dryer, \$100; both in good cond. Call Lin, x5260.

**WANTED:** Roommate to share townhouse in Bowie, Md., 20-25-min. drive to Gallaudet, must like pet ferret, \$250-\$350/mo. inc. util. Call 344-2389 (TDD) 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** Wooden Hedstrom playpen, \$50; Prego stroller, \$25; crib mattress, \$20; 2 Cosco Peterson car seats, \$15/each; potty seat, \$3; booster seat, \$3; baby gate, \$5; size 2 snowsuit, \$15. Call Sara, x5504, or 764-3028 (V/TDD) eves.

## Job Openings

**Some of the advertised positions may already be filled.** The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).  
CAMPUS POLICE OFFICER: Department of Safety and Security  
TEACHER: Child Development Center  
BUS MONITOR: Transportation Services  
CUSTODIAN: Custodial Services, Physical Plant

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